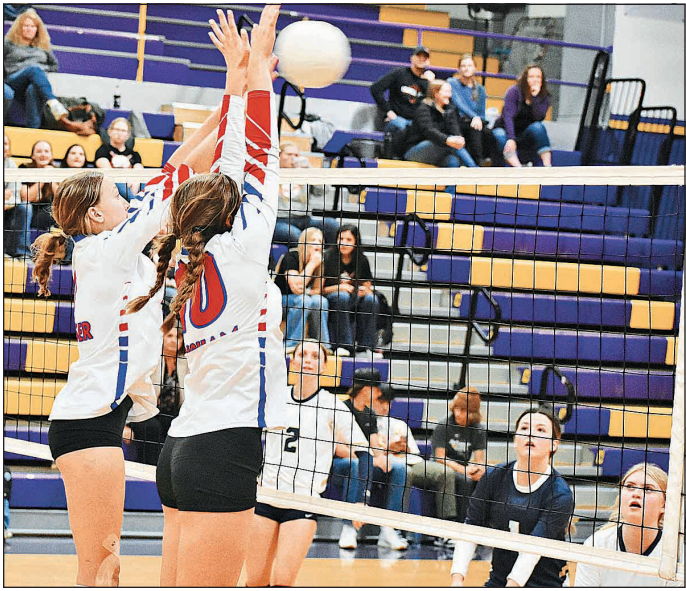


## POWDER VALLEY VOLLEYBALL



Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald  
Powder Valley's Sky Nesser, left, and Ayla Bingham combine for a block against Echo in the championship match at the District 7 tournament on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022, in the Baker High School gym.

## Badgers advance to playoffs after tournament win

**Powder will host Perrydale on Oct. 26**

Baker City Herald

Powder Valley enters the Class 1A state volleyball playoffs on a roll after beating Joseph and Echo to claim the District 7 tournament championship on Saturday, Oct. 22 at Baker High School.

The Badgers, 22-7 overall, will play host to Perrydale on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m.

Powder Valley, which had a bye in the opening round of Saturday's district tournament, drew Joseph in the second round.

The Badgers beat the Eagles in four sets in their two regular season meetings, but Joseph proved a formidable foe in the district tournament with a berth in the state playoffs on the line.

Powder Valley prevailed in five sets.

"Joseph was just as tough as we had anticipated, with both teams playing well," Powder coach Marji Lind said. "We fell off our game in the third set but could not be prouder of the girls bouncing back and fighting to finish that match."

The championship against Echo was the rubber match in the teams' season series. Powder swept the Cougars on Sept. 24, but Echo avenged that loss with a 2-0 win on Oct. 1.

On Saturday the Badgers won in four sets, 21-25, 31-29, 25-14, 25-21.

"Echo has such great hustle and court coverage it is hard to get the ball to the ground," Lind said. "But again, after dropping a set, the girls refocused and played great volleyball to take the district championship. We are so proud of this group of young women, they fight through adversity and challenges as a true team."

If the Badgers beat Perrydale on Wednesday, they will play the winner of a match between South Wasco County and Southwest Christian in the second round on Saturday, Oct. 29, also at North Powder. The time for that match would be determined after Wednesday's matches.

## OREGON FOOTBALL

# Ducks hand UCLA first loss

**Bo Nix throws 5 touchdown passes in 45-30 win over Bruins**

BY ANNE M. PETERSON

Associated Press

EUGENE — Bo Nix made Oregon's win over UCLA look nearly effortless. He said it felt that way, too.

Nix threw for 283 yards and five touchdowns and No. 10 Oregon handed No. 9 UCLA its first loss of the season with a 45-30 victory Saturday, Oct. 22 in a highly anticipated showdown for the top of the Pac-12 standings.

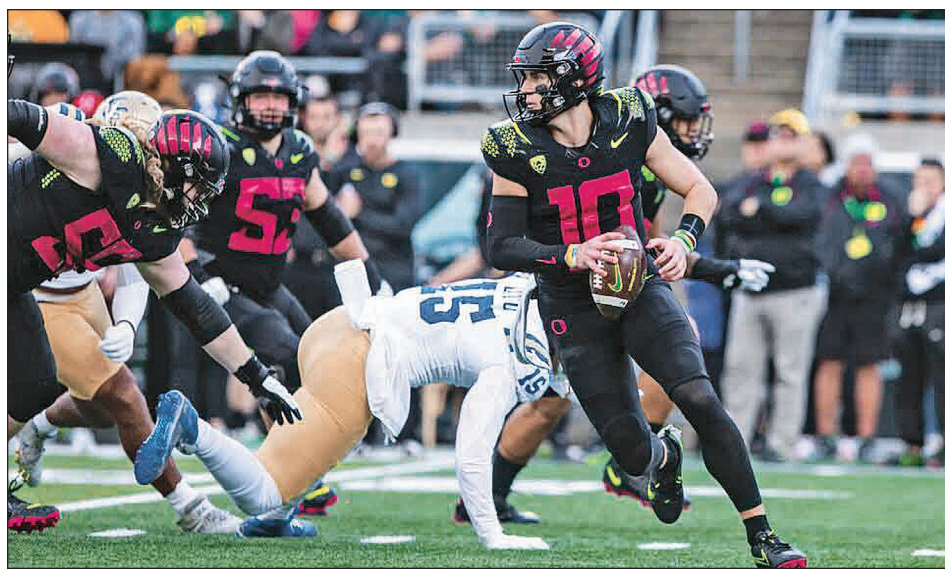
"To be honest, when I'm out there it feels like I'm not doing a whole lot because I don't have to," Nix said. "I just have to get the ball to the playmakers around me."

The win extended Oregon's winning streak at Autzen Stadium to 23 games, matching a school record. It is the third-best active home streak in the nation. The Ducks (6-1, 4-0 Pac-12) have won six straight since a season-opening loss to Georgia and are the lone remaining undefeated team in Pac-12 conference play.

The loss snapped a nine-game winning streak for the Bruins, who have not won in Eugene since 2004. UCLA (6-1, 3-1) hasn't defeated the Ducks since 2017.

Nix, a transfer from Auburn, is a mobile threat who has thrown for 17 touchdowns and rushed for eight this season. He completed 21 of 28 passes against the Bruins. His favorite target on Saturday was Troy Franklin, who had eight catches for 132 yards and two scores.

"He's making great decisions with the ball, he's not putting the ball in jeopardy," Oregon coach Dan Lanning said about Nix. "He's playing really smart football, unselfish football. That's going to lead to opportunities for us to win. If he continues to do that, I think we'll continue to see success."



Sean Meagher/The Oregonian  
Oregon quarterback Bo Nix (No. 10) rolls out to avoid pressure as the No. 10 Ducks face the No. 9 UCLA Bruins in a Pac-12 college football game at Autzen Stadium in Eugene, Oregon on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022.

UCLA's Dorian Thompson-Robinson, who was completing nearly 75% of his passes going into the game, threw for 262 yards and two touchdowns and an interception. Zach Charbonnet rushed for 151 yards and a score.

Oregon slowed UCLA's ground game, allowing 186 rushing yards. The Bruins were ranked second in the Pac-12 with an average of 211.5 yards. In contrast, the Ducks piled up 262 rushing yards.

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— Dan Lanning, Oregon coach

"I came back with expectations being very high for myself as well as this team," Thompson-Robinson said. "When you don't meet those expectations, obviously it hurts. I think it will fuel us stronger than ever."

The Ducks went up 10-3 early in the second quarter on Nix's 17-yard touchdown pass to Terrance Ferguson. UCLA answered with Thomp-

son-Robinson's 36-yard scoring pass to Keegan Jones.

Franklin caught a 51-yard scoring pass from Nix to put the Ducks back in front. Oregon recovered an onside kick and went on to extend its lead with Jordan James' 2-yard touchdown carry.

After Nicholas Barr-Mira kicked a 44 yard field goal for the Bruins, the Ducks' final drive before halftime was pushed back by a pair of penalties but Franklin caught a 2-yard touchdown pass for a 31-13 lead at the break.

The Ducks padded their lead with Nix's 17-yard scoring pass to tight end Cam McCormick. Charbonnet rushed for a 1-yard touchdown to open the final quarter but the Nix found Bucky Irving with a 37-yard touchdown catch. Irving finished with 19 carries for 108 yards.

Nix became the third Oregon quarterback since at least 1996 with multiple games of five or more touchdowns in a season. He joins Justin Herbert (2019) and Marcus Mariota (2014).

UCLA added a late touchdown on Thompson-Robinson's 22-yard pass to Jake Bobo, who finished with eight catches for 101 yards.

"It was just a complete team win, as we've been doing," Nix said. "I thought ofensively we were just great on all cylinders, running, throwing. Everything was just kind of working for us today. When you can stay balanced like that, usually you put a lot of points up."

## IN THE TOP 10

The last time a UCLA team ranked in the top 10 played a top-10 opponent was on Oct. 13, 2001, when the No. 7 Bruins beat No. 10 Washington 35-13 in Pasadena, California.

It was the first meeting between two top-10 teams at Autzen since No. 3 Oregon beat No. 7 Michigan State in 2014. The last matchup between two Pac-12 teams in the top 10 was No. 4 Oregon's victory over No. 9 Stanford in 2010.

## POLL IMPLICATIONS

UCLA, which rose in the polls to No. 13 last season, had not been ranked in the top 10 since 2015 before this past week. Oregon opened the season ranked No. 11, but the loss to Georgia dropped them out of the poll. The Ducks were ranked as high as No. 3 last season.

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- Continue to support local law enforcement agencies to reduce crime and hold offenders accountable for their actions
- Be a strong supporter for water issues and other matters facing our local agricultural producers
- Work to protect jobs at Ashgrove Cement and other mining entities
- Continue to work with all local entities (Chambers, Baker City Downtown, Interpretive Center, local Museums, Economic Development Committee, etc.) to provide resources to enhance our local tourism industry.
- Advocate and work with State and Federal agencies to provide affordable workforce housing in our community.
- Work hard to bring traded sector jobs to our County that provide family wage jobs for working families.
- Work with local entities to make sure that we have affordable day care for families with working parents

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